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1. ITEMS 7 THROUGH 11 DISCUSSED AT AFTERNOON SESSIONS MARCH 19 AND 20. MAIN CONCERNS WERE IN ITEM 7.

2. UNDER REGULAR PROCEDURE, 8 PROJECTS APPROVED AS PRESENTED. U.S. DID NOT OBJECT TO ANY BUT REITERATED OUR VIEWS AND PRINCIPLES RESPECT A) FOLLOWING AGREED PRIORITIES, B) COMMODITY CLEARANCE/AVAILABILITY QUESTIONS PARTICULARLY RE LARGE-SCALE EGYPT PROJECT, AND C) SALES OR EXCHANGE OF GRANT COMMODITIES.

3. UNDER QUICK-ACTION PROCEDURE, EXECUTIVE-DIRECTOR HAD SUBMITTED 24 PROJECTS WHICH EXCEEDED IN SIZE HIS AUTHORITY TO APPROVE. THESE ARE ALL IN THE FOUR SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES

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WITH PRESSING NEED FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE AND WITH ONE EXXCEPTION

WERE ORGANIZED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ADDITIONAL WHEAT AVAILABLE FROM CANADA WHICH MUST BE LIFTED QUICKLY.

4. ALTHOUGH A FEW DELEGATES (FRG/UK) EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ON THE APPROVAL PROCEDURE, THEY INDICATED UNWILLINGNESS TO STAND IN THE WAY OF QUICK IMPLEMENTATION AND APPROVAL. QUICK IMPLEMENTATION OBVIOUSLY HAD OVERWHELMING SUPPORT OF THE COMMITTEE. THIS WAS FACILITATED BY STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT AND INDICATIONS OF INTENTIONS TO MAKE FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS, OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS DURING IMPLEMENTATION BY WHO, UNESCO, ILO AND UN; AND BY STATEMENT FROM SECRETARIAT THAT THEY "DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT WE MAY HAVE TO DO THE SAME THING AGAIN."

5. U.S. SPOKESMAN STATED POSITION, EXPLAINED REASON FOR INABILITY TO ENTER INTO INDIVIDUAL PROJECT DISCUSSIONS OR APPROVALS, INDICATED THAT WE HAD SOME IDEAS FOR SPEEDED-UP PROCEDURES THAT MIGHT AVOID THIS TYPE SITUATION, BUT CONCLUDED:

(A) UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, PROCEDURE BEING FOLLOWED WAS PROBABLY THE MOST ACCEPTABLE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE;

(B) THAT WE WOULD NOT STAND IN THE WAY OF THE EXERCISE OF THE COMMITTEE'S WILL, WHICH WAS APPARENT, BUT

(C) WITH RESPECT TO THOSE PROJECTS WHICH INVOLVED US SUPPLY, WE WOULD HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE ENTIRE PROCEDURE, AND (WITHOUT SINGLING OUT COUNTRIES) WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE COMMODITIES AVAILABLE UNTIL CERTAIN INSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING CUSTOMS DUTIES, IN THE RECEIVING COUNTRIES WERE CLEARED UP.

6. IN COMMENTING ON U.S. INABILITY TO GIVE "INSTANT CONCURRENCE BY U.S. TO PROGRAM PROPOSALS WITHOUT PRIOR INTERAGENCY CLEARANCE, U.S. PROCEDURES WERE DESCRIBED AND USED AS AN INDICATION OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE TOOK THE WORK OF THE IGC AND THE OPERATIONS OF THE WFP.

7. ITEMS 9 THROUGH 11 WENT RATHER ROUTINELY DESPITE INTRODUCTION. AFRICAN LIBERATED AREAS AND CYPRUS. FORMER LARGELY PLEA BY OAU FOR STEPPED-UP ATTENTION; LATTER BY TURKEY FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSISTANCE THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND. SECRETARIAL RECEPTIVE TO BOTH BUT IN CASE OF CYPRUS INDICATED NECESSITY TO WORK THROUGH GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS. VOLPE

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